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Senator Guy Guzzone
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Town of Boonsboro, I am writing to express support for SB982 for Historic Horse Racing (HHR) Machines at Boonsboro Off Track Betting (OTB). The addition of HHR Machines would draw additional clientele to an already successful establishment and reap numerous benefits for our growing Town, Washington County, and the State of Maryland as a whole.

Bringing HHR Machines to Boonsboro OTB will attract customers that currently travel to West Virginia and/or Pennsylvania, thus keeping Marylanders (and their money) in state. In addition, Boonsboro's close proximity to state lines will make Boonsboro OTB a viable option for out-of-state residents looking for a new venue. The subsequent increase in tax revenue will help the Town of Boonsboro to complete many needed infrastructure improvements that are lacking funds.

The addition of HHR Machines to Boonsboro OTB is projected to create 100 new job openings – an astonishing number for a Town of our size. These jobs could be life-changing in an area with minimal access to public transportation and employment opportunities. Due to the success we have already seen with Boonsboro OTB and its neighboring establishments, I have no doubt that expanding the business to offer HHR Machines will have a very positive impact on the Town's economic standing.

I am thrilled to have the chance to convey my support of SB982, and I hope you will share my optimistic outlook on the potential benefits to this area. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email (townmanager@townofboonsboro.com) or phone (301-432-7600).

Thank you so much for your time.

Respectfully,

Rachel Souders
Town Manager